

BBHHS Robotics Boosters

Meeting Minutes



30 August, 2023 / 5:30 PM / High School Room 027

Attendees

Scott McCreery, Heather Rakestraw, Paul Koch, Rachel Jones, Craig Kowatch, Jack Molina, Kevin Riddles, Pete Jones, MeLissa Bommarito, Karen Bond, Brian Zukauckas, Darrell Smith, Dawn Williams, Amber Luptak, Corinne Barrett, Beata Stanek, Shery Tytko, Pam Bowler, Beth Marsh, Amy Pausche, Michael Zumwalt, Kris Sutton, Yan Yerace, Jeff Lambert-Shemo, Ping Liu, Madalynn Wendland, Marija Randjeloric

Meeting began at 5:30

President

1. Welcome to all in attendance including new members with an introduction to this year's Board Members - Scott McCreery, Heather Rakestraw, Paul Koch, Rachel Jones
2. Approval of minutes from 5/18/23 meeting. Motion - 1st Brian Zukauckas, 2nd MeLissa Bommarito, all in favor.
3. Proposed amendment to bylaws discussed.
 - a. Current wording requires High School team families to sign up to be voting members of Robotics Boosters.
 - b. In order to reduce paperwork and tracking, suggested that parents or guardians of current High School Robotics Team members are automatically considered to be voting members of Robotics Boosters.
 - c. Open discussion of ability to decline membership or opt out. No benefit noted among those present, and members have the right to abstain from voting.
 - d. Motion to amend bylaws to include Robotics Booster membership as part of having a student on the BBH High School Robotics Team. 1st Beth Marsh, 2nd Heather Rakestraw, all in favor.
4. Fundraisers
 - a. Chipotle night on 8/29 raised \$320
 - b. Handle's event scheduled on 9/14 from 3-9. We will receive 20%. Must show flyer.
<https://www.bbhhsteched.com/handles-fundraiser>
 - c. Spiritwear Sales - Beth Marsh is organizing Spirit Wear and expects to begin toward the end of September and be open for about 3 weeks. The team makes about \$3-5 per item.
 - d. Car Wash scheduled for 9/17 from 10am - 1pm to be held at Nosek McCreery Funeral Home. Sign Up Genius for students to select a shift to work either the

first or second half. We would also welcome towels that can be used which will be returned to you. Parent help is appreciated that day as well. This is a great way to get to know new members and makes for a day of team building.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EADA723A4F8C52-high1>

- e. Concessions and 50/50 - We will host 2-3 home tournaments this year, possibly one for VEX IQ. With the requested food and drink donations, all concession stand profits come back to the Boosters. This is a nice portion of our fundraising dollars each year. There will be a Sign Up Genius that comes out before each home tournament to both volunteer your time and also donate items to be sold.
 - f. 24 Days of Giveaways - This is our big fundraiser for the year. There will be raffle prizes valued at \$150 or more drawn for the first 24 days in December. The 24 Days committee is working to gather prize donations from the community. In addition, each team member will be responsible to give \$30 toward their team's basket. Team baskets will be due 10/1/23. In November, team members will be responsible for selling \$200 worth of raffle tickets. *These are digital tickets, sold through the Robotics Boosters link. More information to come closer to time.
 - g. Robotics Summer Camp was successful again this year, raising \$13,125 for the team. This is a great experience for our HS team members to volunteer and also for students in 5-8th grade to learn a bit about what our teams do through VEX.
5. Student Booster fees will remain the same this year, at \$400. Families will receive an invoice via QuickBooks. This covers the team tournament fees along with hotel stays through States which includes Kalahari but no other Signature Events.
 6. Team head parents are needed this year. Responsibilities will include organizing the team raffle basket for the 24 Days of Giveaways and also reporting updates from tournaments and events so that we have more comprehensive information for our Media Manager to share with the community.
 7. District Representative / Media Manager volunteer needed to coordinate updates from each team's Head Parent through the season with a goal of more accurate information being shared by both our school administrators and local media. Pete Jones has volunteered.

Vice President - no report

Treasurer

1. Proposed Budget discussed for the 23-24 season which will include new line items for Launch, our Signature Event along with team jerseys for High School members which are not a yearly purchase. Motion to approve 1st Mike Zumwalt, 2nd Brian Zukauckas, all in favor.

Secretary - no report

Advisors

Mr. Kowatch -

1. Expecting 45-48 team members this year.

2. The parent communication tool has not been determined yet for this year. The Band app has been under trial with students through the summer. More information to come.
3. The tournament calendar is not final at this point, but can be found on the Robotics Boosters website as available. Tournament registration is an ongoing process at this time.
4. After school practices are fluid and each team has different preferences and availability. In general, practices are each day after school. Coach Kowatch is usually there until about 5:00, Coach Trybus is generally there from 4:00 to stay as long as he is available and Coach McCreery is available to be at the school as needed as well.
5. Through the season, as tournaments approach, there will be deadlines in place as far as rebuilding or revising robots. In order to be ready for tournaments, robots need to be in working order far enough ahead to have time to practice and get comfortable with the skills and strategy necessary to be competitive.
6. Signature Event tournaments are a key to success through the season by exposing our teams to higher level competition. It also provides our teams with opportunities for networking and collaboration with other high level teams which becomes increasingly important as the State and World tournaments approach. Kalahari and Launch are built into our schedule and Booster fees for this year. Teams will be able to compete at another Signature Event as well, both RiverBots and Sugar Rush are being discussed at this time. These would be out of pocket for members who wish to compete.
<https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/vex-robotics-competition/RE-VR-23-1498.html#general-info>
7. In order to reduce transportation fees this year, some changes will be made. Last year's transportation costs for school buses were around \$15,000.
 - a. Team will not compete in League at Elyria this year due to transportation costs which were about \$6,000 last year.
 - b. The District no longer requires teams to travel via school transportation exclusively.
 - c. For local tournaments within an hour's drive, we will be carpooling. Tournaments beyond that distance, school transportation will be provided.

New Business - none

Meeting end at 6:25

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